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Chronology of the Search for the Passage

1539: Francisco de Ulloa sails up the inland side of Baja California in search of the legendary *Strait of Anián*.

1576: The first of Sir Martin Frobisher makes three voyages to Baffin Island in search of the passage and gold.

1585: The English explorer John Davis enters Cumberland Sound, Baffin Island.

1609: Henry Hudson sails up Hudson River in search of the passage; he later explored Hudson Bay, where he presumably met his death after being set adrift by his mutinous crew.

1619: Norwegian Jens Munk's expedition.

1719: James Knight's expedition into the northwest corner of Hudson Bay.

1741: Christopher Middleton's search for the Passage near Wager Bay.

- **1746:** William Moor and Francis Smith's disputatious voyage fails to get much further than York Factory.
- **1770-2:** Samuel Hearne's overland journey to the mouth of the Coppermine River proves that no passage exists south of that point.
- **1791-1795:** The Vancouver Expedition surveys the inland waters of the Northwest Coast, proving that no passage exists south of the Bering Strait.
- **1818:** Sir John Ross circumnavigates Baffin Bay, but returns without venturing into Lancaster Sound.
- **1819-1820:** William Edward Parry, Ross's former second-in-command, enters Lancaster Sound and earns the Parliamentary Prize.
- **1845:** Sir John Franklin's ill-fated expedition departs from Greenhithe.
- **1903-05:** Roald Amundsen makes the first successful voyage through the entire passage in his ship the Gjøa.

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